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SUBJ: CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS: MESSAGE FROM GENERAL TORRIJOS

1. DURING COURTESY CALL BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
VESEY ON IHRE DIRECTOR IHRE DIRECTOR EDWIN FABREGA, THE LATTER
SAID TORRIJOS HAD ASKED THAT FABREGA PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

"HE (TORRIJOS) HOPES FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.
IT IS MUCH PREFERABLE FOR THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO AGREE UPON A
TREATY EVEN THOUGH RATIFICATION MAY BE DIFFICULT OR DELAYED FOR
MUCH TIME, THAN FOR THE NEGOTIATORS NOT TO AGREE UPON A
TREATY."

22. FABREGA DID NOT AMPLIFY UPON THE MESSAGE. OTHER SUBJECT OF
INTEREST TO NEGOTIATORS WAS FABREGA'S STATEMENT THAT A WATERSHED
COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION
AND OF HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS GOP ENTITIES.
HAS STARTED TO FUNCTION. ITS FIRSTTASK WILL BE TO HALT
DEFORESTATION BY SQUATTERS.
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